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SUBJECT: FY-2003 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM:  
MALDIVIAN NOMINATION FOR MRP ON PRIVATIZATION AND  
THE U.S. ECONOMY: JULY 17-AUGUST 7, 2003  
PROJECT NO. E/VP-2003-0034

REF: (A) STATE 50054, (B) STATE 32608, (C) COLOMBO  
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1. POST NOMINATES MR. MOHAMED AMIR, DIRECTOR, POST  
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTION, MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES, FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT  
PROJECT.

2. PART I OF NOMINEE'S BIO DATA FOLLOWS:

EXPORT-SOURCE: USIS EVDB  
VERSION: 3.0.0  
POST-EMAIL: rscmb@pd.state.gov  
TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS Colombo  
TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929  
EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA  
START NOMINATION:  
USIA-OFFICE: E/VGN  
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:  
POST-PROJ-ID: 77  
USIA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2003-0034  
PROJ-NAME: Privatization and the U.S. Economy - July  
17 - August 7, 2003 (Maldives)  
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:  
PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional  
PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor  
FY: 2003  
DEPART-POST: 07/14/2003  
SESSION-DATE: 07/17/2003  
RETURN-POST: 08/12/2003  
NO-OF-PART: 1  
RANK-ORDER: 4  
START MEMO POST-OBJ:

END MEMO POST-OBJ:  
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USIA-OFFICE-ID: 1039  
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PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP  
PROG-TYPE-ID: 29  
NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929  
FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:  
STATUS: N  
ORIGINATOR: P  
SUBJ-DISC: Privatization  
START BIO:  
PREFIX: Mr.  
F-NAME: Mohamed  
M-NAME:  
L-NAME: AMIR  
SUFFIX:  
PRINCIPAL?: Yes  
M-ADDR1: Post and Telecommunications Section  
M-ADDR2: Ministry of Communication, Science  
M-ADDR3: and Technology  
M-CITY: Male'  
M-STATE:  
M-CNTRY: Maldives  
M-ZONE:  
M-ZIP:  
M-PHONE:  
M-FAX:  
M-EMAIL:  
M-CNTRY-ID: MV  
M-ADDRTYPE: B  
GENDER: M  
DOB: 12/26/1963  
MAR-STAT: M  
BIRTH-CITY: Male'  
BIRTH-CNTRY: Maldives  
CITIZ-CNTRY: Maldives  
RES-CNTRY: Maldives  
START MEMO POSITION:  
Director, Post and Telecommunications Section, Min.

of Comm., Science and Technology, March 1999- to date

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1994-Feb. 1999 - Deputy Director, International Affairs, Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology

1992-1994 - Engineer, Dept. of Posts and Telecom., Min. of Transport and Communications

April-Oct. 1990 - Assistant Engineer, Dept. of Posts and Telecommunication

Feb.1989-March 1990 - Junior Engineer, Dept of Posts and Telecommunication

Aug. 1984-April 1987 - Technician, Dept. of Posts and Telecommunication

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

1996 - M.Sc. (Operational Telecommunications), Coventry University, U.K.

1992 - B.Sc. Hons. ( Telecommunication System Management and Design) Anglia Polytechnic University , Chelmsford, U.K.

1988 - New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Telecommunications, Central Institute of Technology, New Zealand

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

Nominee does not consume pork or alcohol

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: unknown

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

This nomination supports Mission Goals on "Open Markets," "U.S. Exports and Economic Development."

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Stephen Holgate

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Telecommunication has now become a very important part of Maldivian life as the country spread over a vast area of sea with inhabited islands situated far apart.

Currently there is only one telecommunications provider in the Maldives, "Deeraagu" a joint collaboration between the Maldivian government and the Cable and Wireless Co. of U.K. The Telecommunications Department is keen to introduce competition by allowing other telecom operations and internet service providers to operate in the Maldives. However, they lack sufficient experience in handling issues and introduce transparent regulatory and other principles of legislative control.

Mr. Amir's position has thus become very vital. He was one of the key people who handled the Y2K problem in the Maldives. As stated earlier Mr. Amir needs exposure to other developed countries to establish a level playing fielding for investments by telecom companies. An exposure to the U.S. where he could visit telecom and ISP regulatory bodies and meet with relevant authorities to observe and consult would help Maldives to provide a healthy competitive climate where even U.S. telecom and ISP providers could compete.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: Public Affairs Section

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: Yes

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: Yes  
HOME-HOSP?: Yes  
E-I-TYPE:  
NOMINEE-ID: 109  
PERSON-ID: 77  
BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: MV  
CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: MV  
RES-CNTRY-ID: MV  
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E-I-TYPE-ID:  
NOM-POST-ID: 2929  
NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:  
NOM-STATUS: N  
END BIO:  
END NOMINATION:

13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION.  
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